

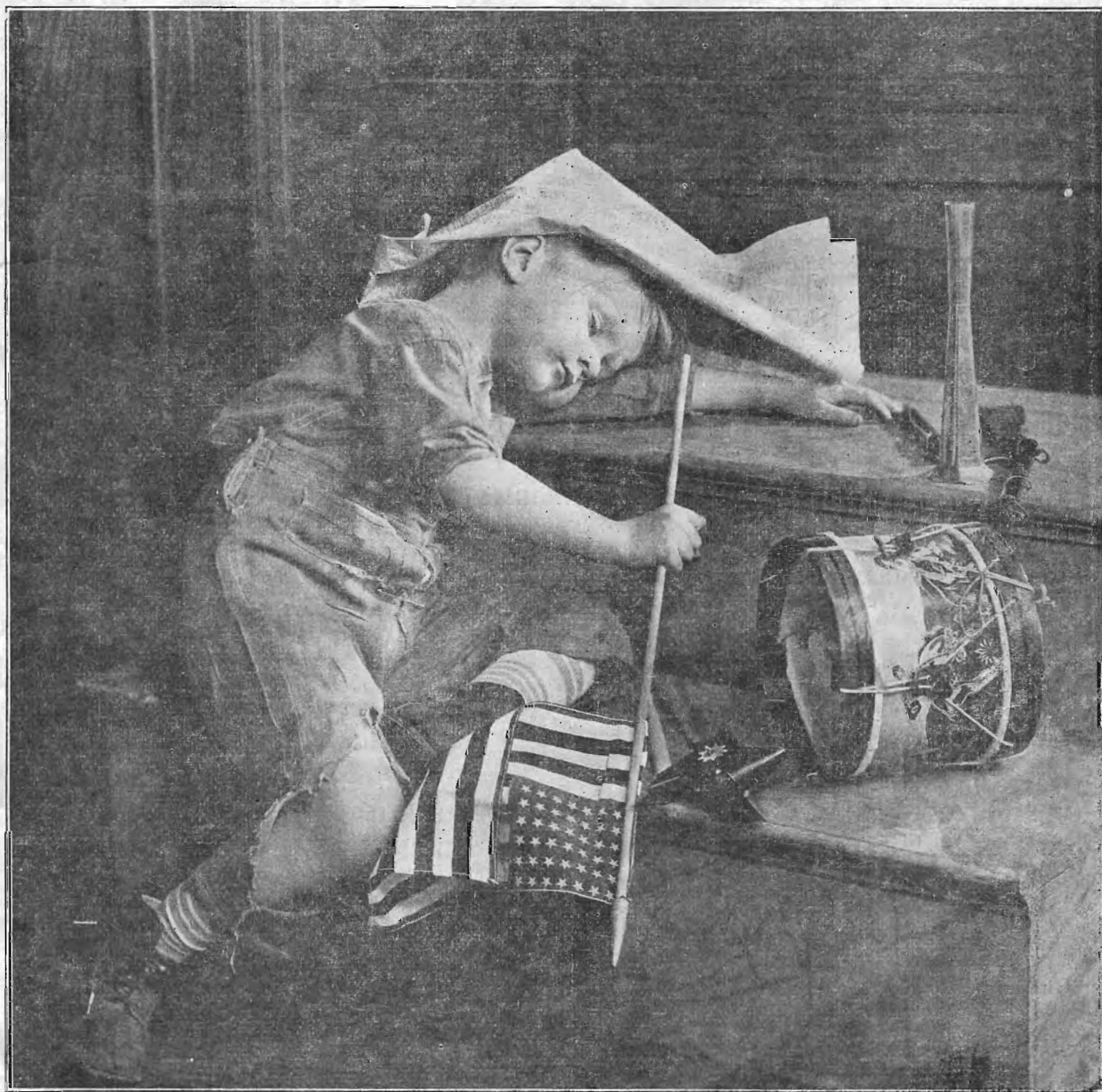
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Understanding The Bible

Radio sermon given by Elder S. G. Norris over station WMIN, Sunday, July 16, 1944

This is the second series in our messages on "Understanding the Bible." Last Sunday we determined just how the Hebrew or Jew originated and found that all peoples on earth were Gentiles up until the time of Abraham. Through this man of God, a separate people was originated, which are still separate and distinct until this very day...the Jew. So there are two great classes of people on earth today, the Jews and the Gentiles. The Book of Corinthians adds a third, the Church of God, but we shall not deal with that thought today.

Abraham was ninety-nine years old according to the seventeenth chapter of Genesis, when God gave him the covenant sign of circumcision. "And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the Lord appeared to Abram and said unto him, I am the Almighty God, walk before me and be thou perfect, and I will make my covenant between me and thee and will multiply thee exceedingly. And Abram fell on his face and God talked with him saying, As for me, behold my covenant is with thee and thou shalt be a father of many nations. Neither shall thy name anymore be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham, for a father of many nations have I made thee. And I will make thee exceeding fruitful and I will make nations of thee and kings shall come out of thee. And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant to be a God unto thee and to thy seed after thee. And I will give unto thee and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God. And God said unto Abraham, Thou shalt keep my covenant therefore thou, and thy seed after thee in their generations. This is my covenant, which ye shall keep between me and you and thy seed after thee; Every man child among you shall be circumcised."

This unusual ritual was from that time forth, the covenant seal between the Jew and the Lord God. In reality, it meant that he was separated from the rest of the Gentile nations, and an heir of the promise of blessing through Abraham. It was in one sense of the word a mark of reproach...but for the God-fearing Jew, it meant a fulfillment of the covenant that the Lord made with faithful Abraham.

Last Sunday we promised you that during these series of messages of "Understanding the Bible" that we would explain as we go along the present day meaning of some of the types and shadows of the Old Testament Scriptures. So here we are with an unusual rite of circumcision that God made as a covenant between himself and the Jews. What significance does that far off covenant which was made some 1900 years before Christ, have in our lives today? We are not Jews and even if we were, greater promises have been made be-

tween God and man since that date. God, in the form of Christ, has not only spoken like He did to Abraham but actually lived here on this earth for over thirty-three years and during the last three years of His Life which was the time of His ministry; made covenants and promises and laid plans for relationships which are more precious than those given Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

There is little question in Bible interpretation, that Jesus, the Christ or Messiah, was manifested on this earth in order to establish a closer unity between man and God, than that which had ever existed before. A unity that would embrace not only Jews but also Gentiles, in other words, an experience with the Lord which we call salvation, that breaks down the middle wall of partition and permits both Jew and Gentile into a society called the church, whose membership is not to be determined upon nationality or natural birth, but by being BORN AGAIN, which simply means the entrance of a portion of God's Holy Spirit into the human soul, for by ONE spirit are we baptized into One body." Such a society then, or, as the New Testament calls it, the Church, are those Jews and Gentiles who have been born again or who have received the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

That experience in itself, although God-given and heaven-inspired, is still insufficient without the covenant seal of the New Testament. Just the same, as it would have been insufficient for a Jew to have been born into one of the twelve tribes of Israel, without being circumcised, so is it today, not only necessary to receive the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, but it is imperative that anyone claiming to be born again, take upon themselves the covenant seal of the New Testament, in order to be a child of the family of God, or the church. If circumcision was the covenant seal between God and the Hebrews after the days of Abraham, what is that covenant seal since the days of Jesus Christ?

Here is the answer to that important question. It is found in the second chapter of Colossians beginning at verse nine, through verse twelve. Everyone listening in today can understand this, there is no mystery to it, this New Testament covenant is written so plainly that anyone wishing to know may do so...."For in Him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily...notice it says ALL, not a portion or part or fraction, but ALL the fulness of the Godhead bodily, dwelt in Jesus Christ. And we are complete in Him which is the head of all principality and power; In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision of Christ"...Now, right here is the verse...Col. 2:12, that tells us just exactly how we must fulfill the covenant of New Testament circumcision. "Buried with Him in baptism wherein also ye are risen with Him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised Him from the dead." Yes, my friends, there is the plain truth. "BURIED with Him", that means

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HOW ABOUT YOUR BIRTH?

Where Were You Born?

It is to be understood, dear reader, that we are not referring to the natural birth when the above question is asked, but rather to another birth, which is just as real and just as tangible as the natural birth. It is the BIRTH of the SPIRIT, the spiritual birth we are now interested in.

It goes without saying, in these days as never before, hardly anyone is able to obtain a position without first being asked to produce his or her birth certificate. Now we all know this to be true. So also it is true, in fact, much truer in a spiritual sense. Look what is stated in the Old Testament Scriptures as touching this subject. Psalms 87: 5,6 reads thus, "And of Zion (the Church) it shall be said, This and that man WAS BORN IN HER: and the highest (God) himself shall establish her. The Lord shall COUNT, WHEN HE WRITETH UP THE PEOPLE, THAT THIS MAN WAS BORN THERE." Indeed this must be interpreted in the realm of the spiritual. For the spiritual birth is real, and God and man are perfectly aware of it when that birth takes place.

Before going any further with our subject, two other Biblical quotations are in order. This time they are found in the New Testament. Luke 10: 17-20. "And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject to us through thy name. And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven." And still another quotation from the book of Revelation. Rev. 20:14,15. "And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not FOUND WRITTEN in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."

I used to take a great deal of pleasure in listening to a certain radio program that was paraphrased "I Was There." "I was there when a certain so and so incident took place, etc." What I liked the most about this program was that the person who was the object of the story was there in person to tell what had happened, what had taken place, and what he had seen. So it is with a born-again child of God. They assuredly know, they positively can tell how and where they were born again, for they were there at that instant when that spiritual birth took place. Do you know, my friend, when you were born from above? This is the theme and the topic of this message. I am glad God has made it possible for us to know assuredly and tell intelligently as to how and when we were born anew.

The Word of God has made it so plain as to this new birth, that no one needs to go astray or in any way be mistaken about their new born ex-

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perience - yea, their eternal heritage. Long before the Church of Jesus Christ was established, these solemn words were spoken by the Lord Himself to one of the leaders of the Hebrew nation, a leader of the sect of the Pharisees: "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water (not of word, as some of our religious leaders of this day would explain it) and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." John 3:5. Now what Jesus really meant by this statement is to be found in the following verses, John 3:6,7, and 12. "That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit."

Here we have the natural and the spiritual birth brought down by the Lord Himself in the every day language. The natural birth is natural. The spiritual birth is that heavenly birth—supernatural. Jesus told this religious leader of His day not to marvel nor be astonished at these sayings. "If I have told you earthly things and ye believe not, how shall ye believe if I tell you of heavenly things?" Now here is the logic—If you believe in the natural birth (and of course we all do) then ought you not also to believe in the spiritual birth? Most assuredly you should, most certainly all ought to, and thank God! we, as a body of believers, do!

How Is This Spiritual Birth Brought About?

First: By faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. "For he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." No one can be saved or born of the Spirit except they first believe - believe that God

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WHY EXPECT A GREAT REVIVAL?

By Ralph D. Bullock

There are those today who hold the view that all great revivals are past, and that from now on until Jesus comes the enemy will gain more and more power over God's people until finally, unless He did come, there would be no one saved. In other words, God will forsake the battle ground to the foe, faith and light will wane, and His Church will end in defeat, as far as visible victory in this dispensation is concerned. They always quote Luke 18:8, where Jesus says, "When the Son of man cometh shall he find faith on the earth?"

It may be true that faith may be less in quantity, but not in quality. In fact, in the preceding seven verses Jesus gives a parable in which He shows the unlimited possibilities of importunate prayer of faith, then adds, "And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them? I tell you that he will avenge them speedily." Then speaks of His coming.

However, we know that it has always been the small minority in any age that have entered into the unlimited privileges and possibilities of faith. But where even one exercised faith "as a grain of mustard seed," whole cities and even states have been stirred.

There is another school of thought which takes a broader, easier view and says that ALL sincere "Christians" of ALL denominations will be caught up out of the "great tribulation" without any special preparation or manifestation of God's power beforehand. Therefore why the need of so earnestly seeking the baptism of the Holy Spirit, or seeking to walk in more light and truth?

Wherefore, we wish to consider a few reasons why we should expect the greatest universal outpouring of God's Spirit that the world has ever known, before Jesus comes.

First. Because "the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day." Prov. 4:18. This sounds quite the opposite to God's power and light waning and growing less, doesn't it?

How do we let our light shine? In witnessing by both word and deed, inspired by His Spirit. "With great power gave the apostles witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus." Acts 4:33. Wherefore, since the light is to shine brighter it is evident that God must pour out His Spirit in greater abundance that a greater witness may be produced.

Second. To fulfill the prophecies relating thereto. In Joel 2:28-31 God says: "And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh. . . . And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and terrible day of the LORD come."

On the Day of Pentecost Peter quoted this and applied it to the outpouring of the Holy Spirit then. But the 31st verse shows that it finds its more complete and final fulfillment at the time of the end just before the great and terrible day of the LORD come." "The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood," in this same verse corresponds to that mentioned in Rev. 6:12, which speaks of end time tribulations.

But please note especially Joel 2:23, "He hath given you the former rain moderately, and will cause to come down for you the rain, the former and the latter rain in the first month." He then goes on and explains that He will do this in order to restore to the Church all that she lost, that is, lost during the "Dark Ages." Also read the first chapter of Joel.

To know what is to be restored, we must find out what was lost. Then what did she lose? This question may be easily answered by reading the Acts of The Apostles.

Thus the Early Church in the days of the "early," or "former" rain, becomes our pattern. And we are commanded in Heb. 8:5 to "make all things according to the pattern." Also Jude 3.

How far short of the original pattern the Church of today is coming, both in power, discernment, unity, consecration, etc.!

We are told in Joel 2:23 that the "former rain" of the Spirit was given only moderately. The Acts of the Apostles records the "former" or spring-time outpouring of the spiritual rain which was given to start the Gospel seed growing. In Palestine the natural "latter rain" was given in greater abundance than the "former rain" in order to ripen up the harvest. Therefore if the wonderful things we read about in the Acts of the Apostles is only a "moderate" outpouring of the Spirit, then what are we to expect in this time of the "latter rain!" Praise the Lord!

"Early Rain" Church Invincible

During the early rain the Church was endued with invincible power and infallible discernment. All the nine miraculous gifts of 1 Cor. 12 were in operation. Thousands of converts were made in a day, baptized in the name of Jesus Christ and filled with the Holy Ghost. Acts 2 and 4. A great miracle of healing was extemporaneously performed on the public street (How many of these have you seen or heard of?), which resulted in many being converted, (Acts 3), the gift of discernment exposed the sin of Ananias and Sapphira and they were stricken dead by a word from Peter, the sick and afflicted were brought from all the surrounding country "and they were healed every one." Acts 5. Many lying on beds and couches in the streets were healed by the shadow of Peter falling upon them. Prison

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The Fear That Cures Fear

There are two kinds of fear, one is very tormenting, the other is very profitable.

The fear that torments is the fear of man, the fear of circumstances, of environments, the fear for the future and the fear of death. This ungodly fear has victimized thousands in all ages, and it has filled the asylums and graves.

The fear that can and will cure this kind of fear is THE FEAR OF GOD, and while the "man-fear" is agonizing and tormenting, God's fear is worshipping God and reverencing His blessed Person and Name with pleasure.

WHEN TO FEAR GOD? Always! Why? Because that kind of life can only save us from the other fear that captivates us always, somewhere and somehow.

Codly Fear Is Commanded

God, through King David, says, "O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: FEAR BEFORE HIM all the earth." Psa. 96:9. Our own Lord says, "And fear not them that kill the body, but FEAR HIM which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell." Matt. 10:28.

The Holy Spirit says through Apostle Peter, "Honor all men, love the brotherhood, FEAR GOD." 1 Peter 2:17. Rev. 11:18 with 14:7 we read, "An angel flying in the midst of Heaven, saying with a loud voice, FEAR GOD, and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgments is come, and worship Him that made heaven and earth, and the sea and the fountains of water." So we see clearly that to worship our Creator and to fear Him, we must and should not neglect.

Those who neglect the fear of God, will feel its sad consequences at once and if they die without fearing God, they will be forever tormented.

When To Fear God

"Fear (or reverence) God when serving Him." Psa. 19:5. When perfecting holiness. 2 Cor. 7:1. When working out our own salvation. Phil. 2:12. and when we assemble ourselves together with His people. Psa. 89:7.

There is so much of activity in churches without a holy reverence. There is much talk about holiness, but we live so lightly and even make jokes out of it. Others claim salvation, but are so irreverent in their actions, both in the home and in church.

Dear ones, let us leave out our visiting and talking after the service is over in our assemblies. Let us enter the places of worship with a quiet spirit and pray first, then quietly wait on God, and meditate while sitting until the service begins. Then we will sing, testify and worship in the Holy Ghost. Then the Word of God in preaching will leave a good effect on us. Then, yes and not before, our social and friendly visits, will be more sweet and blessed of God.



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Why To Fear God

We must fear God because it is a blessing to reverence Him. Psa. 128:1.

It is the only thing that counts in this life. Eccl. 12:13.

If you look up the following references you will have twelve more divine benedictions added to your daily life. Read on.

The fear of God will get you the protection of angels. Psa. 34:7,8.

It obtains God's mercies. Psa. 103:11.

It brings us God's wisdom. Psa. 111:10.

It brings us God's answer to our prayer. Psa. 145:19.

It pleases God. Psa. 147:11.

It brings us into God's secrets. Psa. 25:14.

It brings us under God's watchfulness. Psa. 23:12.

It makes us rich and adds honor. Pro. 22:4.

It brings us happiness. Psa. 28:14.

It brings us sunshine in the day of darkness. Mal. 4:1,2.

It gives us heavenly reward. Rev. 11:18.

So you see, dear ones, that it pays to fear God always and acknowledge Him in all our ways with reverence. Prov. 1:33, and 3:6.

Who And Whom Not To Fear

Those who fear God, need not fear man. Matt. 10:28.

Need not to fear evil. Psa. 23:4.

Need not to fear when in need. Luke 12:7.

Need not to fear when we are few in number. Luke 12:32.

Need not to fear when waiting on God. Mark 5:35,36.

Need not to fear when our life is about to be lost in a shipwreck or in any other manner. Mark 4:40, Acts 27:24. To fear any of these, is a crime against ourselves, Rev. 21:8. The fear of the Lord alone can save us from all such fears.

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THE THREE LAWS

By H. I. Goodin

Scripture lesson: Romans 7:7-25.

The Apostle Paul, who once laid claim to being the "chief of sinners" sets forth in this seventh chapter of his epistle to the Romans some of the obstacles that he found he had to contend with, when he came to the place where he wanted to be saved.

The unsaved soul has the same things to face today when he decides to live for God. The thing that brings conviction to a sinner is the knowledge that he has broken, and disobeyed the Holy Law of God. In the seventh verse of this chapter, Paul said that he had not known sin "but by the LAW."

There is no doubt but that the wonderful Law God gave to Moses amid the thunders of Mount Sinai was holy and just and good. Verse twelve. It is said that the Ancient Greeks and Persians had a custom, that if any of their lawmakers passed a Law that afterwards became a snare and a curse to the people, the man or men who enacted it, were punished. We have hundreds of laws and statutes today that should be recinded and abolished. But there is nothing in the Law that God gave from flaming Sinai but what was good for man! He must acknowledge that it is holy, just and good! If every human being obeyed these Ten Commandments, what a wonderful world this would be. It is because of an over-indulgence of all the things contained in these "Thou shalt nots" that has sunk the world in sin and shame. When a fallen, sinful soul, gets a look at God's holy law, they see at once that He has not asked them to do more than is reasonable. It is right that they should love Him with all their hearts, that they should set Him always before their face, esteem His Name, honour their parents, live clean lives, not lie, or steal, or covet the things of another. This is no more than a Holy God would expect of a Holy people. Most folks, like the "Chief of Sinners" (1 Tim. 1:15) when they see how far they are from God's will and how they have broken all His laws, feel that they want to make amends and get right with Him. I know it was so in my case. God can and does speak to hearts. He has a way of dealing with His creatures, thank God. It is not His will that any should perish. But as soon as we see our LOST condition, as soon as we turn to God, and cry out for mercy, and salvation, in that very moment we become aware of mighty powers arrayed against us. We find another LAW, a law that "When we would do good", When we would do what God requires, and turn away from all the things that displeased Him, we find a Law of SIN IN OUR MEMBERS, (verse 23) bringing us into captivity and telling us we cannot live this life that God wants, yea demands! Why did Paul cry out and say "Who shall deliver me from the body of this Death?" verse 24. Yea, wretched indeed! For it is written THE SOUL THAT SINNETH, IT SHALL DIE. Ezek. 18:4.

Paul wanted to do good, but found no way. And the evil he wanted to quit doing, he went on doing. We were all in the same fix once. The reason he called his condition a "Body of Death" was because of the custom of the enemies of the cross, who sometimes chained the living saints to a dead body. Then they were given their choice, of denying the Christ, or being overcome by the stench of a decaying, putrified, rotting dead body. An awful death. And "within" your members, within your own human body, a Law of Sin, dragging you back, dragging you down, making you do things that you did not want to do, is an awful condition. It is the powers of Satan in your soul. Sinner, if you would be free, do as Paul did. Look to Calvary. Look at Him who said "And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me." Then, when the shackles fall off, and you are released into the glorious liberty of the people of God, you, too, can shout "I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord! The power that sets you free from the law of sin and death, is explained in the second verse of the next chapter. The Law of THE SPIRIT OF LIFE. This is the blessed baptism of the Spirit. It is the infilling of the Holy Ghost. Jesus said, "He dwelleth with you, but shall be in you." St. John 14:17. And "greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world." 1 John 4:4.

Thank God, we can get to a place where the Law of God has no terrors for us! Where we can say "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." Rom. 8:1. You won't have to keep on doing things you do not want to do. Many a man and women, serving life terms in the prisons of the country, are pondering why they sinned against society, what made them do the awful thing. A man recently arrested for assaulting, and beating to death a young girl of seventeen years, then throwing her body in a well, said "I don't know what made me do it; I just felt it building me up." It was that Law of sin IN HIS MEMBERS. Praise God for the blood of Jesus that was shed on Calvary. He can and will deliver from sin and shame. His plan for the salvation of your soul is simple. The same as, when at Pentecost (Acts 2:38) sinners who had crucified Him, cried out "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" Repent and be baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of your sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." Just a little faith in Him and you can go free! Then the One who wrote the Law on tables of stone at Sinai, will write them on the fleshly tables of your heart. Christ in you, the hope of glory will help you keep them. Like David of old you will behold wonderful things in His Law, and best of all you will know that every thing is all right then. He will give you songs in the night. You will find in Him sweet fellowship indeed. When He comes He will receive you into the everlasting habitations He has prepared for them that love Him.

No Time For God

By Paul Price

NO TIME FOR GOD

No time for God, yet we've time for ourselves.
Time to eat food that He puts on our shelves,
Time to breathe air that He gives for our lungs,
Time to waste talk, yet He fashioned our tongues,
Time to go places, and time to do things
That little or nothing of recompense brings.
Time for the cumbersome duties of life,
Time for amusement and even for strife!
Time for all things, yet the day may soon dawn
When we'll wish we from selfish ambitions were
drawn

To do the Lord's work, and more thankful to be
That we live in God's world, in the land of the
free!

The judgment will prove that the whiling of time
Away for ourselves is a too-common-crime!
If God took no time for His creatures, they'd die,
Else none of them laugh, and the most of them
sigh!

Our God gave His Son as a sign of concern,
Showing that love in His great heart did burn,
That He had the time for His great mind to think
Of men in the gutters that deeper would sink!
In lieu of this purpose of love we'd do well
To save time on earth that would taunt us in hell.
Heaven won't have any roguish old grime
Who lived for himself, and for God had no time!

S. J. Gardner

I wonder how many of us are guilty of having
no time for God. You might say well that's a
foolish question to ask, of course we have time
for God, we're saved and walking with Him.

Let's look and see what God saved us for. He
saved us that He might have a people for His
Name's sake, a people who would lift up his name
to this sinful world, that we might be a separ-
ate people who would live such lives that the
world would desire that Christ we serve.

2 Cor. 6:17 "Wherefore come out from among
them and be ye separate saith the Lord, and
touch not the unclean thing, and I will receive
you." James 4:4 "Ye adulterers and adulter-
esses, know ye not that the friendship of the
world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore
will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.
We've been called out of this world that we might
live a separate and holy life. I wonder how many
of us have gradually let the world creep in our
lives. Do we seek after our own rather than
God? Do we let the pleasures of this life creep
in and sap our victory?

The world is watching us. 2 Corinthians 3:2,3,
"You are our epistles written in our hearts,
known and read of all men. For as much as ye
are manifestly declared to be the epistles of

Christ ministered by us written not with ink but
with the Spirit of the living God, not in tables
of stone, but in the fleshy tables of the heart.

But I wonder, does the world see Christ in me,
or does it see me taking time for everything but
that which is of God. Is my time given over to
the pleasures and amusements of life or is it a
life of consecration, a life of yielding to God's will.
If ever there was a time that a saint of God
ought to be stirred to live for Him and to lift
high His precious name, it is now. God is calling
us to a separate life, a life of service.

I would like to call to your attention something
that I read the other day. Gradually, as the
casualty lists grow longer and the wounded re-
turn from the battlefields, it is being brought
home to us all anew what a horrible thing war
is and how great, how terrible, is the price being
paid to preserve our freedom and our way of life.

No one can visit a military or naval hospital
and see the brave young fellows there, so re-
cently in the prime of life, now minus arms or
legs, or disfigured, without sensing the awful
tragedy of it all, the fearful costliness of war in
terms of human suffering.

A soldier who spent six months in a general
hospital recently gave this moving description
of his memories in America: "There was Bob,
twenty-three years old, from San Francisco, who
had to do without both his legs. There was Tony,
minus an arm, and Johnny, who was bounced
thirty feet in the air when his jeep hit a mine.
Then there was Ted, blind as a dead man. Bill
lost both his hands at Buna, and Tom got it in
the stomach. A kid by the name of Dick was
wounded in the head and lost his sense of speech
and was crippled on the whole left side of his
body—he was only nineteen. Andy had part of
his chest blown away, and George was shot in
the throat, and while he lay waiting for medical
aid a German tiger tank rolled over his legs. Don
was only shot in the thumb; but gangrene set
in, and he watched the doctors take off his whole
arm before they checked the poison. Steve cursed
all of mankind when he found out he was going
blind; Wally did the same when he discovered
he would never again be able to play the violin.
Louie had malaria twenty-six times, and Art
cried his eyes out when he was told he could
never walk again.... I knew these young men;
ate with them, slept with them, suffered with
them. Memory of them is haunting, a constant
reminder of just what war really means."

Yet these poor lads are but those who have
come home. There are others whose lot is sad-
der yet, who endure in addition the loneliness
and semi-starvation of prison camps, or the un-
speakable cruelties which, as we have lately
learned, some nations heap upon their captives.

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UNDERSTANDING THE BIBLE—CONTD.

baptized in water in the Name of Jesus Christ. That name of Jesus Christ is not only partly essential to be used in water baptism, it is ALL essential. Without the name, water baptism is not valid. Here is the reason why.

At the time of circumcision of a Jewish boy in Old Testament times, the child was also named. That was a great day for the family because the child really had no name until the eighth day, upon which day he was circumcised to fulfill the covenant that God gave Abraham in the seventeenth chapter of Genesis. In other words, a Jew really had no claim to the promises of God, unless he was circumcised and named on the eighth day!

The circumcision without the name would have been a complete failure. It was imperative, it simply HAD TO BE! You will find in the first chapter of St. Luke's Gospel, verse 59, that there was quite a commotion in the home of John the Baptist, on that eighth day of circumcision, over the NAME. Some of his relatives thought he should be called Zacharias after his father, but the angel of the Lord had spoken to Zacharias, that his son's name should be John! That covenant of circumcision had to be kept and maintained just exactly as God had said, otherwise it was in vain.

So here we have a type and a shadow in the Old Testament as regards the rite of circumcision. It had to be administered upon the eighth day and also the proper name be given the son. It is certainly not difficult to believe that the coming of the Messiah brought with it a greater and deeper and closer relationship than even that given Abraham.

The covenant that we must keep if we hope to be a qualified member of the Church of God in this New Testament dispensation is most certainly New Testament circumcision which is nothing less than water baptism in the Name of Jesus Christ. Buried with Him in baptism, Paul tells us in Colossians two, is the true circumcision of the New Testament covenant. Why do we try to evade that issue? Why do we as Gentiles... people who were strangers from the commonwealth of Israel... we who were Gentile dogs and only in a position to eat the crumbs that fell from the Master's table, where the Jews were favored, for hundreds of years... we Gentiles who have no ancestral claim on the promises of God... **HOW CAN WE DARE BAPTIZE ANY OTHER WAY, THAN IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST?** That is surely the name, if we believe in the Messiah at all. The Name is certainly not "Father", it is most assuredly not "SON" it never can be twisted until the name is the "HOLY GHOST." There has never been any proof by the most famous scholars of New Testament Hebrew or Greek that there was even the slightest hint of a misinterpretation of the word

"name" in Matthew 28:19 "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the NAME" ... Never, never, never, has anyone ever proven that that should have been names. We Gentiles should be happy to even be allowed the privilege of being baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ. Buried with HIM in baptism! Why then, you may ask, are there so few Christians that have ever been actually baptized in that wonderful Name of Jesus Christ. The reason is that it is a very definite mark, a very definite covenant between a person and God. You might call it a mark of separation, a separation from others who have not made that New Testament covenant with the Lord. Every Jewish family knew when they circumcised their son and named him, that he would be a marked man as long as he lived. God knew it, too. That covenant passed away at the coming of Christ. Paul told the Galatians this... "Behold, I Paul say unto you, that if ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing." In the Old Testament the Jewish mother and father knew of this mark of separation and the persecution that probably would follow their son, but they also knew of the wonderful blessings and promises that God would give their son, so the covenant was fulfilled. Would to God we Gentiles had just as much faith and were just as honest in this New Testament time and had courage to preach and baptize in the Name of Jesus Christ as the Jews had courage and honesty to practice circumcision in the Old Testament, regardless of prosperity or adversity.

Does it not seem strange to you that there is not even one place recorded in all of the New Testament where even ONE person was baptized in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost... No, not one. Why? Well for the most part because the Jewish converts gave us Gentiles our religion and they knew the principles of God in the Old Testament. Their very first commandment from babyhood to death was this... "Hear Oh Israel, the Lord our God is One Lord and His name ONE!" Certainly the disciples were baffled when Jesus referred to His father, but when it finally was made clear to them that God was in Christ... that "The father that dwelleth in Me, He doeth the works... when they understood that Jesus was the Christ, on the day of Pentecost, they went everywhere baptizing converts in the Name of Jesus Christ... no more did they circumcise, they had found an even better and greater plan. You could not have hired one of those apostles and they were all Jews... you could not have even bribed them to baptize anyone, only in the Name of Jesus Christ or Lord Jesus. That was the New Testament covenant of circumcision and even as the Jews from Abraham's day to the time of the cross were willing to suffer death, and many of them did for the covenant of circumcision, so also did most of the Apostles suffer martyrdom, because they all preached and baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ. If a group of Apostles sealed their writings, preaching and belief in their own blood, should that not be sufficient for you and me?

This matter of water baptism, or in other words, New Testament circumcision is a serious question. Won't you pray about it?

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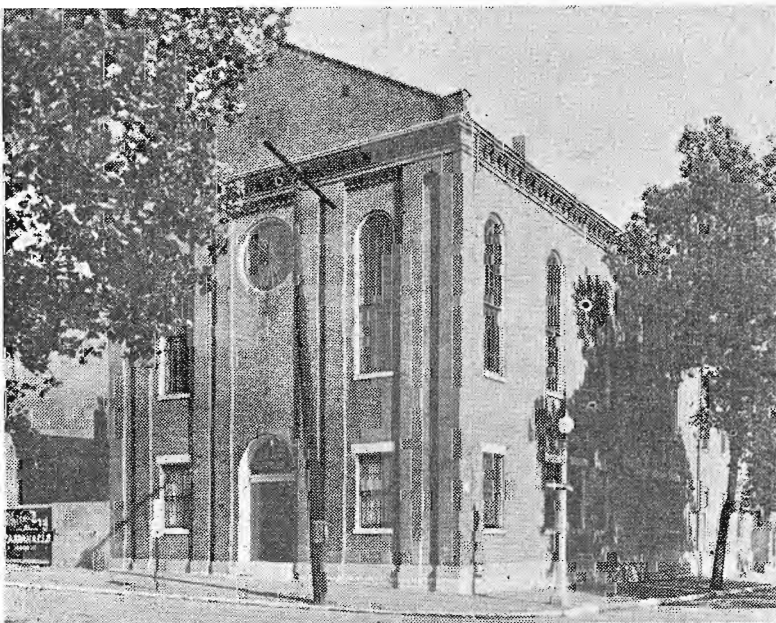
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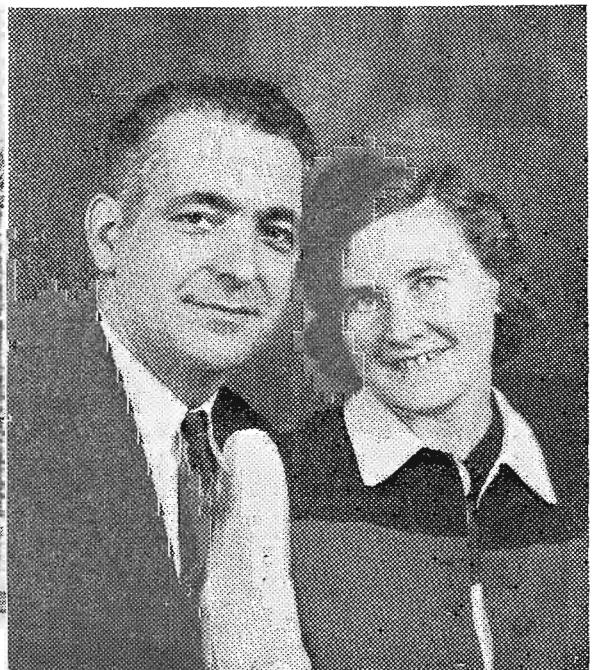
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Brother and Sister W. S. Guinn

Important Missionary Notices

TWO GOOD "BUYS"

The world is looking for an investment, but I know of nothing equal to two propositions that are "open" just now.

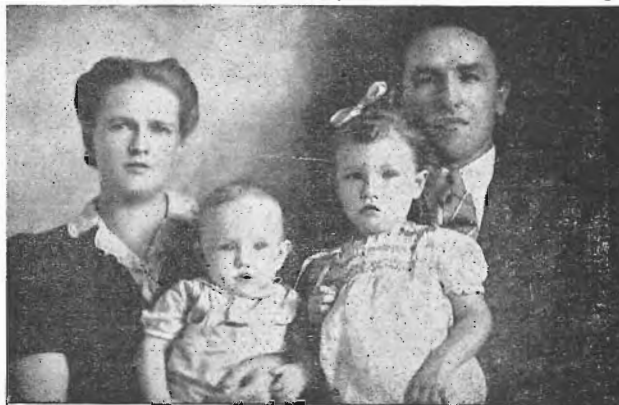
One, Elder Ball, missionary to South America, should by all means be enabled to purchase property there. Most of you have read of the persecution against the Protestants. It is very difficult for our missionaries to rent quarters for landlords fear for the safety of their property. They now have a good chance to purchase very commodious quarters. Just a few thousand dollars are needed, and this could easily be raised if you let God speak to your heart. Let us not fail our Brother and Sister who are laboring so faithfully and risking their very lives for the cause of Christ.

Another is in Kingston, Jamaica where those who have charge of our headquarters there will have to purchase a property where they have been for a number of years, or it will be sold to others. It will be very difficult for them to secure a new location. The present landlord is favorable to our work (I baptized him in Jesus Name). We can secure the property on very favorable terms. We need only about a thousand dollars for the down payment. Who will help in this great work?

Both of the above stations are live centers for the Gospel. Both are bearing fruit continually. Send your special offerings to Sister Hendricks.

W. T. Witherspoon,
Chairman, Board of Foreign Missions

We are sorry this did not appear in the August issue. (Editor)



Bro. & Sis. Elmer Ball and family

We have recently had a visit from Elder Samuel Jenson and wife who were, for a number of years, missionaries in Africa. The last few years they have been associated with our Bro. H. I. Goodin, of Morgantown, W. Va., who gives us a very good report of their life and ministry.

Brother and Sister Jenson were a blessing to us while here and have visited some of our nearby churches with good results. They are contemplating returning to Africa in the late fall, if the Lord permits.

We take pleasure in recommending this experienced and godly couple to your fellowship and support.

W. T. Witherspoon
Chairman, Board of Foreign Missions

SPECIAL ST. LOUIS CONVENTION NOTICE

Circumstances and conditions in the church and in the world demand that we come together for a "solemn assembly." It is time that we remove the hindering causes and so humble ourselves before God that He will be pleased to "rend the heavens and come down." It will take courage and faith to do this. Will you come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty?

W. T. Witherspoon, Gen. Chairman

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Elder G. B. Rowe, Pastor

WOMEN'S PAGE

By Mrs. G. B. Rowe

"...a certain Jew named Aquila, born in Pontus, lately come from Italy, with his wife Priscilla: (because that Claudius had commanded all the Jews to depart from Rome): and came unto them. And because he was of the same craft, he abode with them, and wrought: for by their occupation they were tentmakers." Acts 18:2.

We hear much these days about the pros and cons of women working outside the home and indeed there is much to be said. Some insist that a woman's place is in the home, others see no reason why they should not take advantage of the many opportunities open to women, especially in these days.

It is certainly true that mothers of small children should not be away from them for longer than is absolutely necessary. The formative years are much too important for the children to be placed under the influence of a succession of comparative strangers. When the mother works outside the home, there is usually a continual, hurried atmosphere as she rushes around getting things done after working hours. Weariness brings on irritability, and it is impossible for her to have the loving patience with her children which is so necessary for the best results with them. Meals are hurried affairs, with favorite dishes forgotten and only those foods served which are easily prepared in a short time. Personal devotions are sacrificed or shortened for lack of time. Mother sits down late in the evening with her Bible after the long day's work is done, and almost immediately is asleep in her chair. All things considered, it is a very undesirable state of affairs and should be resorted to only when absolutely necessary and then temporarily.

However, this is written to those women and girls of the church who are working outside the home, for whatever reason. It will be profitable for us to learn about Priscilla, that wonderful saint whom Paul mentioned so many times in his letters throughout the New Testament. She was a Jewish refugee from Rome. She knew what wartimes meant. Doubtless they made tents for the Roman army, even as we are in war production all over the land today. It seems that after she with her husband, Aquila, had become acquainted with Paul through their common craft, they were born again under his ministry. What a blessed result of working together! Would that we all were as successful as Paul in personally persuading those with whom we work! Later on, Paul testified to the Romans that Priscilla and Aquila had risked their lives for his. We read in Corinthians that there was a church in the home of Priscilla. She must have been a woman of noble character and spirit for Paul to have written of her so many times.

The working women of the church today are the modern Priscillas. How do we compare with the first one? We must always remember that we are collectively the Bride of Christ. We rep-

resent Christ on earth through His Church. The Church, His Body, is an organism, not an earthly organization. An organism is a living structure which performs a definite function. The Church, as an organism, reaches to all sections and levels of life through its members. It is represented in homes, schools, factories, businesses, stores, farms, and anywhere there are people. It is never the majority, but its potential influence is gigantic if we could only realize the possibilities.

We, as working women, must keep in mind that in whatever our place of work, we are there as members of that great living structure, the Church of Christ, and must conduct ourselves at all times in accordance with this truth. We are "on display" for over eight hours of every day. What are the things about which we must be concerned?

First, appearance. The most important thing to consider is modesty and what constitutes modesty. Peter tells us that our adornment should be that of inward beauty - "the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price" - rather than that of dress and appearance. If we all follow instructions and maintain a high standard, it will become a testimony to the world.

It seems there are always a few who cannot understand why this or that is wrong to wear and so lessen the influence of others of the same assembly. When there is a variance of standards among women of the assembly, it seems to the world that those who really are maintaining it are doing so futilely, who really are maintaining it just an old-fashioned group from a church which probably now is more modern in thought and action, judging by the other group of more worldly-appearing women. Your appearance is important! When standards are given to you from the pulpit, it is very important that every woman in the assembly conform and be obedient. If you don't agree with some of the instruction, talk it over with the pastor or teacher who has set the standard. It would be good for women to have discussion meetings with the pastor and bring out the objections to rules which have seemed too unreasonable. However, after the rules and standards are definitely fixed, get behind them as a body of women and present a united appearance to the world and those with whom you associate every day. For instance, in one factory department there are two women of the same church. One has taken the standard of dress and appearance very seriously and conforms faithfully. The other cannot see why certain things are wrong and dresses according to her own desires. The difference can very well nullify the testimony of both women. Even if you don't feel condemned by some certain thing included in the pastor's "black list", be obedient and conform anyway for the sake of unity. By being obedient, you will not sacrifice your influence. Obedience is better than sacrifice!

CHILDREN'S PAGE

By Cathryn Ruh

WE CANNOT HIDE IT FROM GOD

Once upon a time there was a young man who lived in the home of a man who was great and good that all people spoke of him as "the man of God." This young man was the man of God's helper. He served him and waited upon him. I know many of you know the man of God's name—it is Elisha, and the young man's name was Gehazi.

One day a great visitor came to Elisha's house. You and I would have thought a parade was coming. We would have seen a rich man riding in a beautiful chariot, wearing handsome clothes. With him were other handsome men, chariots, and horses. There probably were soldiers too, for this rich man was a captain in the army of Syria.

Naaman, the captain, had come all the way from his country of Syria because he was sick. He had a terrible disease called leprosy. He had tried all the doctors, but no one could help him. At last he had heard about Elisha, so he came to him for a final try. Now Elisha used no medicine to cure people. All he did was pray to God for them. So when the wealthy captain came, Elisha simply said, "Go to the River Jordan and dip yourself seven times, then you will be healed."

The captain and his servants rode to the Jordan river. But they were puzzled. Why had Elisha sent the captain to dip seven times? Why hadn't he prayed for him? But Naaman knew this was his last chance, so finally he obeyed. Because he was obedient and did just as the man of God told him, he was healed. Naturally Naaman was very happy. Hadn't he been saved from death? So right away he wanted to repay Elisha. Back the parade went to the home of Elisha. Naaman bowed low before Elisha and offered him many beautiful gifts of gold and silver and fine clothes. "They are a present for you because you saved my life," said the captain. But Elisha refused all the gifts for he knew that God had healed Naaman. So the great parade started toward home with all their costly presents.

Gehazi, the young man who served Elisha, watched them go. He had seen the gold and silver and fine clothes. He began to want them very much. The more he thought about them the more he wanted them. Gehazi did not think how wrong it was to want something that belonged to someone else. Often when we want that which does not belong to us we are tempted to take it. Now one time God gave His people some laws, and one of them was "Thou shalt not covet." It means we shouldn't want what belongs to others. But Gehazi did not think of this rule of God's. He only thought of all the riches that Elisha had refused.

So Gehazi said to himself, "My master is foolish not to take such fine things. Naaman is rich

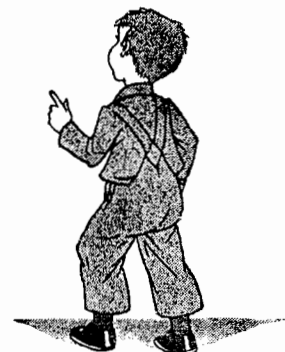
and would not miss them. I will run and catch up with him and see if he will give me something." So Gehazi ran as fast as he could after the chariots. Finally Naaman saw him coming. He stopped the chariots and went to meet Gehazi. He perhaps thought Elisha had sent Gehazi to him.

"Is it well with your master?" Naaman asked. And Gehazi answered, "All is well, but two men have come to visit my master. They are poor and needy. Please give them some clothing and silver."

Isn't that terrible? Now Gehazi is lying on top of his other sin. Naaman, of course, did not know Gehazi was lying. He thought how wonderful Elisha was to want to help two poor men, even though he would take nothing for himself. So Naaman ordered his servants to fill two bags with silver and wrap up two suits of clothes. Then he told the servants to carry them for Gehazi. Now, of course, Gehazi did not want Elisha to know what he had done, so when they came close to the house Gehazi took the clothing and silver and sent the servants back. Then he hid the gifts. So Gehazi broke another rule. "Thou shalt not steal," said one of God's rules. Now he has broken three of God's laws. So we see that one sin always leads to another.

When he entered the house Elisha met him. "Where have you been, Gehazi?" Elisha asked. "I did not go anywhere," he answered boldly. But Elisha knew better. God allowed Elisha to know what Gehazi had done. "Did not my heart go with thee?" said Elisha. Then Gehazi knew that Elisha knew all about what he had done. He felt ashamed and afraid. Elisha still had more to say to this bad, disobedient man. "Because you disobeyed, lied, and stole, a terrible thing will happen to you. The leprosy that Naaman had shall go upon you." And Gehazi went out a leper. I don't suppose Gehazi intended in the beginning to break so many of God's laws; but when he had broken one, he found he had to break another to cover up his first, or be found out. And he was afraid of being found out.

So let us watch that we don't break any of God's laws like Gehazi did. For we cannot cover up one sin. God sees them all!



GRAINS FROM THE *Harvest Field*

LOUISVILLE, COLORADO

Greetings in Jesus' Name from Colorado. We want to report victory and that we are still on the firing line. We are advancing in our Sunday School and have one new convert.

Bro. Clarence W. Lewis, formerly of W. Tulsa Church, has taken over the pastorate here since Bro. R. T. Merrell resigned.

We want to invite all service boys who are stationed near here to our services. We are 23 miles northwest of Denver. We have a good spiritual church, with a good group of saints.

Any workers with a good report are welcome. This is comparatively an open field and any one who wants to work for God can find a place.

Reporter Julia Fabrizio

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BETHANY SANCTUARY, LYNCHBURG, VA.

We praise the Lord for being able to report victory in the name of Jesus. We have been rejoicing with our whole hearts for the showers He sent us. We have been blessed by having Elder James Hordle of Richmond, Va., with us for two weeks. Five were reclaimed and one filled with the Holy Ghost and the church was stirred with the spirit of evangelism. Please pray for us.

Pastor E. P. Williams
Reporter Katie Morgan

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ONTARIO, CALIFORNIA

We are glad to report that in our recent revival meetings there were 9 baptized in Jesus' Name, and 4 received the Holy Ghost, others restored. Evan. Jimmie Davis, a graduate of A. B. T. S., West Tulsa, was the speaker.

Elder Davis is an outstanding evangelist; he and his wife will prove a blessing to any assembly, and we heartily recommend them.

Pastor E. D. Howell

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ORLANDO, FLA.

We are glad to report that our Church and Sunday School have grown since building the new church at 21st, South, and Nashville, Orange Co. Elder Castleberry was with us for a three weeks revival, when seven received the Holy Ghost and several were baptized in the name of Jesus. Our services are held as follows: Sunday School at 10:30 A.M., followed by preaching at 11:30 A.M. Sunday and Wednesday nights at 8 P.M. A splendid Young People's meeting on Friday night, also at 8 P.M. We covet the prayers of God's people.

Pastor J. C. Porter
S. S. Supt. O. P. Welling

MARSHFIELD, WIS.

Just a few lines to report victory in the name of Jesus. We are enjoying special meetings with Evang. H. J. Harrington, and many are coming out to hear the Word of the Lord and God is blessing. May He pour out His Spirit on us all. We also want to let our many friends know we have purchased the building formerly occupied by the Marshfield Bible Institute, located at 210 East 5th St., just one block and one half from Main St. There is a nice chapel downstairs seating about 125, three rooms in the rear that we will use for prayer and Sunday School; also a study room. Upstairs are very nice living quarters.

We have made this purchase at the cost of \$5,000.00, with a down payment of \$1,000.00, and we want to thank the Lord for making this possible. We expect to occupy it about Oct. 1st, and desire that the saints hold us up in prayer.

Pastor W. B. Barron

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ABILINE, TEXAS

We just closed a 3 weeks' revival with Evang. Agnes Caughron and Lurlene Oglesbee, special singer. Two were baptized in Jesus' Name and received the Holy Ghost and two were reclaimed.

We had 30 soldier boys from Camp Barkley one Sunday night. Most of them were Spirit-filled boys. Our church is located at 741 So. 11th St.

Pastor T. W. Burk

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WHEATLAND, IND.

I have had the privilege to read the OUTLOOK for one year and have made a book of my twelve copies. I find it very spiritual and would not want to be without it. I ask an interest in the prayers of Outlook readers that I may always be found doing the work for my Master. I have been baptized in Jesus' Name.

Maggie Reavis

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OPEN FOR CALLS

I am open for calls in the evangelistic field. I also have been teaching in singing schools. I am free to go any place to work for the Lord.

Eld. Ernest Butler, 428 S. Washington,
El Dorado, Ark.

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PRAYER LIST

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Portsmouth, Ohio

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is still in the saving business, believe that God is able to save from the uttermost to the uttermost. Thus believing, you are indeed richly rewarded in your faith, and if you keep on believing and diligently seeking the Lord, He will surely be found of you. Secondly: After that you have believed the true report of God's Word, then you automatically act upon that faith or belief as did this man that is mentioned in Acts 16:32. "And they (Paul and Silas) spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and WAS BAPTIZED, he and ALL HIS, STRAIGHTWAY." Now that was works mixed with faith.

Please note Hebrews 4:2 with James 2:18. I know what some of you are told in these days by this, that, and the other preacher, that "all you need to do is simply believe, and you are saved." These folks, in many instances, do not know any better than did the Pharisees of old, yet on the other hand, some of them do, BUT WILL NOT GIVE YOU THE WHOLE TRUTH BECAUSE OF ADVANTAGE. It is commonly heard over the radio, and you have read it in the religious press more than once "Just simply take Him as your Saviour, and you'll be saved." And others say, "Take Him as your personal Saviour and you are saved."

Friends, I wouldn't want to be deceived, and I certainly would not want to deceive you. Let me state emphatically once for all, that there isn't one solitary Scripture either in the Old or New Testament to substantiate such an unscriptural doctrine. Nowhere within the lids of the Holy Writ are we told to take Him as our "personal Saviour." Such sentences sound good and fair, and are rather pleasing to the mind, but they are not Scriptural. Contrary to that, Jesus said, "YE HAVE NOT CHOSEN ME, BUT I HAVE CHOSEN YOU, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain." God comes first, then you. God acts on your behalf and within your heart, then you obey. So that after you have believed the Gospel, and you acted upon the same, then you are commanded by the Lord to take this other step.

Thirdly: "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; IN MY NAME. . . ." - Yes, when you have carried through the First and Second steps, then you will be willing to be baptized into that most precious and wonderful NAME. Yes, into the name of the ONE who died for you and your sins - the Lord Jesus Christ. THIS IS THE BIRTH OF WATER of which Jesus spake to Nicodemus. This is that which Peter spake of, when under the impact of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. For the first time in the Christian era, he commanded the penitent sinners to be baptized into the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins. That, we say, or rather God says, is the birth of water. Immediately following that birth, the birth of the Spirit takes place.

Fourthly: We again refer you to the words of Jesus, "That which is born of the Spirit is Spirit." Let us take another Bible example for this glorious Spirit-Birth. "There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of the band called the Italian band, A devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God alway." Of this man it was demanded of Apostle Peter, saying, "Who shall tell thee words, whereby thou and all thy house SHALL BE SAVED." Please note the spiritual condition of this honest man. He was a devout man - he was a man that feared God - he was a man that helped much in the cause of God - he was a great man of prayer. Yet this very man was told he would have to be born of water and the Spirit before he could be pronounced by the leaders of the early Church a saved man, a born-again person.

Now let us see what this good man did in order to be born of the Spirit. Acts 10:44-48. "While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the Word. And they of the circumcision (that is to say, the Jews) which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God." In the light of this Scriptural fact we see that this devout man was born, NOT ONLY OF WATER (being baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ), BUT ALSO OF THE SPIRIT.

Let us now take another example which explains the Spirit-Birth. Paul, on his second missionary journey on his way to Ephesus, finding certain disciples, asked them this pointed question, "Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost." (I venture to say if this same question was repeated today, there would be any number of believers, or so-called Christians, if you please, that would reply in the same manner - that they had never heard of this miraculous Spirit-Birth). However, after hearing what Apostle Paul had to tell them in reference to this Spirit baptism, they were first baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. "And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied." There are numerous other New Testament quotations we could call to record that would substantiate this precious Bible doctrine. Sufficient has been said to convince any honest-hearted person who desires the very best that God has for him or her, namely the Spirit-Birth or the New-Birth - John 3:6. "That which is born of the Spirit is Spirit."

Now my friend, HOW ABOUT YOUR SPIRITUAL BIRTH? Where and how were you born? Can you tell? In the light of this timely Bible subject, it ought to be much easier for you now to see the necessity of the New Birth. Oh! for the spirit of that old-time conviction that would seize the hearts of my readers. If perchance you have not as yet been born of water and of the Spirit, won't you allow the Holy Spirit to convince you?

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doors were opened by angels to set at liberty God's servants that they might go on preaching this glorious Gospel. Nothing could stop them!

But now remember that God says that all that was only a "moderate" outpouring of His Spirit. Praise the Lord! We think it was very great indeed, but God says it was only a moderate demonstration of His power compared with what is to come in these days of the "latter rain!" Have we seen greater things yet? Nay, verily! We have not even seen it equalled yet, much less excelled. Then when will it come? It must still be in the future. Truly He has "saved the best wine for the last." Halleluia! You remember this was said in connection with a "marriage supper." John 2.

Do you really think that Satan is powerful enough to prevent God from fulfilling His promise? "Faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it." The devil may be mighty but Jesus is all mighty. Amen. Matt. 28:18; Rev. 1:8.

Third. We may expect a greater outpouring of the Spirit because "when the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him." Isa. 59:19.

No lengthy comment is necessary to impress upon our minds the fact that the enemy is certainly coming in like a flood today. Floods of iniquity, vice and crime, satanic delusions and "doctrines of devils" are filling the earth—and the end is not yet. "As it was in the days of Noah;" "As it was in the days of Lot." The world is rapidly being prepared to receive the anti-Christ, the "superman," Satan incarnate.

But, thank God, when Satan is doing his worst, the Lord does His best. Remember Moses' serpent swallowing up those of the magicians (Exod. 7), the deliverance at the Red Sea when all seemed lost (Exod. 14), Gideon's little band of 300 overcoming the vast army of the Midianites (Judges 7), the deliverance of Elisha and Samaria (2 Kings 6,7), and Peter from prison, Acts 12.

And do you think that God will fail us who are facing the greatest emergency of all ages? Impossible, for, "when the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him." Amen.

Fourth. How are the millions in foreign lands who have never heard the life-giving name of Jesus going to receive a saving knowledge of Him in the short time which remains? Only by a greater outpouring of the Spirit than we have ever seen which will produce a normal and effectual ministry equal to that of Jesus and the Early Church.

Jesus said, "He that believeth"—not merely the apostles—should do the very same works that He did and even greater. John 14:12. They have not been equaled yet, much less excelled.

Have you heard of anybody stopping a funeral procession and raising the dead to life by a word? or cleansing a leper instantly with a touch? There are so many lepers in the foreign lands that it

makes us long for that power. A few such miracles would turn a whole district to the true God. If the millions of untouched heathen are to receive an ample, final witness before Jesus comes, it is evident that He must produce a far different ministry than the laborious, materialistic methods in operation at the present time.

Church Must Be Perfected

Fifth. For the perfection of the "Bride" of Christ. The Lord says that He will "present unto Himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle or any such thing; but it shall be holy and without blemish." Eph. 5:27. How will He do this? The preceding verse says that He will "sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the Word." Jesus said that the Holy Spirit would come to lead us "into all truth." John 16:13.

Therefore it is His desire to lead us out of all sin and 20th century error into all the first century truth and righteousness.

But how far the Church is from this perfect state at the present time! She is spotted with sins, foolishness, physical afflictions, pride, jealousies, scisms and false doctrines! I'm afraid a bride arrayed in such dirty clothes would not be very presentable, especially to a spotless Bridegroom. See Matt. 22:11-14.

Therefore we should thank God for the mighty outpouring which is just ahead of us which will bring to perfection the nine fruits (Gal. 5:22,23), and the nine gifts (1 Cor. 12), of the Spirit, clean out the stumbling blocks, unify His people, and manifest to the world His fully developed sons with the same power and wisdom which Jesus the normal, sample Son had when He walked the earth in a physical body like ours. See Rom. 8:29; Rev. 3:21; Heb. 4:15,16. Also Isa. 52:1,2,8. Then He will be able to say "My dove, my undefiled is but one." S. of S. 6:9; 4:7.

Sixth. To give forth the "midnight cry." Matt. 25:1-13. Just before the Bridegroom arrived an announcement went forth with such power that all those "virgins" were awakened and stirred to action—both the wise and the foolish virgins. They all trimmed their lamps. That is, they got rid of their remaining false doctrine—this made possible by the greater illumination of the Holy Spirit. See Prov. 4:18.

The foolish virgins cried to the wise: "Give us of your oil—the Holy Spirit baptism, (Acts 2:4), with all His impartations, 1 Cor. 12—for our lamps are going out." 8th verse—see margin. But they acknowledged their need too late to be caught up into the "marriage supper of the lamb." There was nothing left for them but to remain on earth and seal their faith with their blood at the hands of the antichrist.

Nevertheless God forced them all into unity right at the last by forcing them all to "trim their lamps" of false doctrine and come together on all truth. "They shall see eye to eye when the Lord shall bring again Zion." Isa. 52:8.

Has this compelling cry gone forth yet? No, the semi-spiritual Christians are still standing
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SPIRITUAL STATIC

Spiritual static in our individual life will keep the church from moving on as it should because the effects of it can be seen and heard by the other saints and cause a disturbed state in the church.

Static in a christian's life is a drawback to the individual and also to the entire church or assembly.

Static in your christian life will keep you from gaining friends, kill your influence with both saved and unsaved. Static will keep you from winning souls, it will keep you from being spiritual, will cause your neighbor to dislike you, and will cause your companion and the entire family to be crushed.

Static cannot be seen, it can only be heard in the voice and the affects of it seen in the face.

Static keeps you from being happy, from being free and pleasant.

Spiritual static will keep you from contacting heaven, prevent the enjoyment of the rich blessings of God.

So let us keep all the static out of our christian and church life so our testimonies will have a clear sound, and let the church roll on.

Mrs. W. C. Haymon, Shreveport, La.

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HOW ABOUT YOUR BIRTH?—CONTD.

My friend, this is God's way. This is New Testament Salvation for this present dispensation. To this end I have given myself to pass on to you this scriptural and spiritual truth as revealed to me and to many others through the precious Word of God. May God grant that this spiritual experience - this spiritual birth - shall be your portion in His Name and for His glory. Amen.

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THE FEAR THAT CURES FEAR—CONTD.

Examples Of Those Who Feared God And Not Man Or Circumstances

Job feared God. Read Job 1:1,2 also 9.

The Godly people in Malachi's time. Mal. 3:16.

The Apostolic Church. Acts 9:31.

Cornelius and his family. Acts 10:2,22.

Israelites who received salvation. Acts 13:16.

Read the above references and you will be encouraged to fear the Lord only.

Conclusion

Jesus comforts His fearful people. Rev. 1:17.

Jesus as a Son feared God Himself. Heb. 5:17.

The awfulness of not to choose God's fear. Prov. 1:7.

To assure your heart, that you really fear the Lord, read the following: "THE FEAR OF THE

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If suffering could be reckoned in figures, how great would the total be! No mathematician could express it, nor any human mind comprehend it—which serves to indicate the infinite debt of those who stay at home to those who have gone forth to contend in this world struggle.

You may say that's a sad story, but what's the connection? Here is the connection. What are those boys coming back to? An America that's filled with everything but God.

Imagine the torture those boys go through. Their life is useless, they have no hope, what hope has a man with no legs or no eyesight to look forward to, or the person who comes back all in one piece. But what about his troubled mind at night. He thinks about that Jap whose head he blew off or the German he ripped open with his bayonet or that town on which he dropped his bombs, I wonder if there were any kids and women who were killed when I dropped those bombs—You say they take all of that out of him before he goes across, that man's still human, you can't take that away from him.

This concerns everyone of us today. We all have people of our families in the service. They will think only of one thing when they get back, some way of escape from it all. Surely the suicide toll will be higher than ever before.

But there is a peace for that man, something to erase all the scars of war and we have that in our possession today.

But I wonder will we have anything to offer, I have three brothers in the service, when they get back can I point them to Christ or will I have so let the world creep in that I can do nothing. May God grant me grace to find my place and stay there, to live a life that I can lift high the standard and point souls to Him.

It really is serious when we think about it. In the early days of Pentecost souls were won for Christ many times by the life of some person. That person followed God as close as he could and lived a separate consecrated life for Christ. We can either be soul winners or a stumbling block through our lives.

The world is talking about a post war plan, how they will run things after this war. It is time that we as saints of God were laying out our post war plan for winning souls.

May God grant us grace to live such a life that we may draw souls to Him.

LORD IS TO HATE EVIL: PRIDE, AND ARROGANCY, AND THE EVIL WAY, AND THE FROWARD MOUTH, DO I HATE." says the Lord.

Dear Reader: do you really fear the Lord? If so, blessed and rich you are. While you will love God and His people with His cause; you will be hating all the above evils mentioned in Prov. 8:13.

ANTIGO, WISCONSIN

We are glad to report victory in Jesus' Name.

We also praise the Lord for Elder Harry Rubin who has so faithfully ministered to us for the past two years.

Two young men, both eighteen years of age, have recently been buried in Jesus' Name, and have been baptized with the Holy Ghost. Just a week ago, two girls were also baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus. These young people have already proved a great blessing in the Gospel message. Pray with us that the Lord will bring them in. "So then neither is he that planteth anything; neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase." I Cor. 3:7.

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Eld. Harry F. Rubin

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out against the real scriptural fulness of the Spirit according to Acts 2:4; 10:44-46; 19:1-6, while others are still rejecting Acts 2:38; 8:16; 10:48; 19:5. But the time will soon come when they will be forced to acknowledge that their "bed is too short" and will cry for more of God. See Isa. 28:20; 30:1 and 28:11,12 with 1 Cor. 14:21.

Seventh. So many of God's people are longing and praying for a greater outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Surely this vision and prayer must be inspired of God for, "we know not what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered, and... he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God." Rom. 8:26,27; 1 John 5:14,15. The Holy Ghost is "Christ in you," (Col.1:27), and we know that Jesus never prayed in vain.

Since so many are inspired to pray for a restoration of the Church to scriptural normalcy, surely God cannot refuse to hear their united cry, especially since they are praying according to His will as revealed in His Word.

Conclusion

We are told to "ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain; so shall the Lord make bright clouds and give rain." Zech. 10:1. This Scripture shows that we cannot expect to enjoy this great outpouring simply because it is time for it. We must ask for it with importunate prayer and supplication like the importunate widow in Luke 18:1-8. We must "pant after Thee as the hart panteth after the water brook." "My soul followeth hard after thee." Psalm 42:1; 63:1,2,8. We must obey 2 Chron. 7:14. Resurrection life only operates on death. Gal. 2:20; Col. 3:3,4.

Wherefore, let us "present our bodies a living sacrifice" afresh to Him who has bought us with His own precious blood, and determine to do as much for Him as possible in the short time which remains.

KERRVILLE, TEXAS

We are glad to report that God is richly blessing the Pentecostal work in Kerrville, Texas. We have been inspired to seek God with sincerity, and to be faithfully waiting for His welcomed return.

Our church was greatly blessed by having with us Eld. and Mrs. O. F. Fauss of Houston, Texas, for a ten day revival and special chart teaching. The saints' souls were fed and made stronger to stand for God, Who is faithful in all His ways. We are looking forward to the time we can have Eld. Fauss with us again, indeed his ministry is a blessing.

We are having prayer services every afternoon from three to five o'clock for the sick, unfortunate, armed forces and for the saving of the lost. The church is open for public services every night except Monday and Friday. For this we covet the prayers of all those that are of like faith.

The young people have reorganized and have a vision of the need God has for them. Therefore our young people are stepping out on the field with courage and faith to do the will of God Who has for a purpose called them.

W. D. Starkweather, Pastor

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WOMEN'S PAGE—CONTD.

Before we leave the subject of appearance, we must mention those women who go to the other extreme and consider any personal attention to appearance sinful. The women who work day after day among people having straggly hair, ill-fitting dresses, and carelessness in their appearance, are just as much reproach as the ones who imitate the world. Watch your cleanliness habits - they are part of you, and therefore of your testimony. Remember that long hair can become offensive very quickly if not kept clean and shining; that it costs no more to buy or make a dress to fit than to get one which is too big or too little; that faces which do not believe in making up should nevertheless show care and cleanliness; nails which don't wear colored polish should be clean and cared for, anyway; that legs which are not bare should be covered; not with twisted seams and neglected runs and holes. These are little things, but we must remember that it is through the eye that the first impression is made, and if not favorable, we will find it more difficult to use our influence on others in the things of the Lord.

Next month we will consider our conduct, our social relations with fellow workers, our speech, and our attitude toward the work itself. We must at all times remember that we are a part of that city on a hill which cannot be hid, so must shine in the very best possible light. Would Paul write as proudly of the modern Priscilla as he did of Aquila's wife?

Mrs. R. B. Tuttle

"I had fainted unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living," for, "Where there is no vision the people perish." Psalm 27:13; Prov. 29:18.

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